

## Baldwin Center

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*I slept and dreamt that life was joy. I awoke and saw that life was service.  
I acted and behold, service was joy.*

—Rabindranath Tagore

It is surprising to discover, in hard situations, the possibility of joy. At Baldwin Center, we find joy in service to our shared humanity. We see it daily, as our community includes staff, volunteers, and donors with hearts for service. We see it...

...in our Clothes Closet. A simple donation of clothes becomes exactly what is needed for a family to stay warm in winter.

...through our diaper distribution. Numerous families have been helped by the many diapers shared.

...when people with hearts for children deliver supplies and snacks. These gifts empower students as we safely and carefully return to in person programs, both after school and during the summer.

...during our Holiday Store program. In a season when a family's needs may sting a little more deeply, special meals and gifts feed and empower our community.

...as money becomes a meal for a hungry family. Thanks to our generous supporters, we have over 40,00 meals served.

We see more opportunities for joy in the coming year as we look forward to increasing our laundry service, expanding after school offerings with a robust arts program which supports academic enrichment, and continuing to assist individuals and families with meals and supplemental food. As the year comes to an end, we invite you to connect your gifts to the needs of our neighbors with secure online giving at <https://baldwincenter.networkforgood.com>. Together we can honor human dignity as we feed, clothe, educate and empower.

Yours in action, service and joy,

**Elizabeth A. Longley**

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